

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	§ Art Group:	3676
Hall, David R., et al	§	Examiner: Bates, Zakiya W.
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For:Apparatus in a Drill String	§	

January 25, 2007
Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This paper is timely submitted in response to the Patent and Trademark Office Action mailed December 21, 2006 for which the shortened – statutory period for response is set to expire on March 21, 2007. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.